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- d. [] the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
- e. [] the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:
- 5. [X] Concise explanation of USPN 6,095,486 contained in the specification of the present application at page 2.

Respectfully submitted,

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